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Applicants request that a new disk file be opened for the above-cited application. The Sequence Listing disk submitted on September 8, 1999 in the parent, Application No.08/655,574, filed June 18, 1996 contains the identical sequence information as that in the present application. Applicants also submit herewith a paper copy of the sequence listing for the present application. The paper copy of the sequence listing and the computer readable copy are the same and do not introduce new matter.

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1. Transmittal Letter (*in duplicate*);
2. Request to Open New Disk File;
3. Hard copy of the sequence listing; and
4. Return postcard.

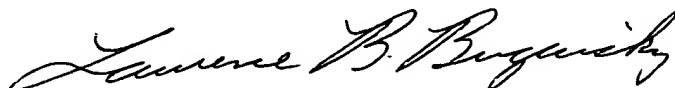
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